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LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have again increased the procurement price of wheat;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have raised the Minimum Support Price of wheat in spite of CACP's suggestion to keep the procurement price at last year's level; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): The Government has fixed the minimum support price of wheat at Rs.620 per quintal as against Rs.610 per quintal recommended by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) for the 2001-2002 crop to be marketed in 2002-2003. The marginal increase has been given keeping in view the rise in cost of production and the need to provide the incentives to the farmers to increase production and productivity of wheat.